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UNITED STATES ATTORNEY ANTHONY J. JENKINS ANNOUNCES ARREST OF BRADLEY HIGHBARBER ON DRUG POSSESSION AND THE SEIZURE OF MONEY AND FRAUDULENT PASSPORT

Anthony J. Jenkins, United States Attorney for the District of the Virgin Islands, today announced the arrest of Bradley Douglas Highbarger on charges of Possession with Intent to Distribute Narcotics and Fraudulent Use of a Passport. Highbarger, a 33 year old resident of St. Thomas, is a native of Illinois. He is a body builder at American Paradise Gym on St. Thomas.

On Thursday, July 20, 2006, Diplomatic Security Service from the San Juan Resident Office, along with Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") from the St. Thomas Resident Offices, executed a search warrant on the home of Highbarger located at Anchorage Condominium, Estate Nazareth, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

Highbarger was arrested on a felony criminal warrant based on a criminal complaint that he had committed passport fraud by fraudulently obtaining a U.S. passport under the assumed identity of Douglas Jerome Stein and that he then used that passport to travel

internationally. After his arrest, agents executed a search warrant on Highbarger's home based on information received by ICE that a package shipped from the Philippines and addressed to Highbarger had been intercepted after an inspection of the package revealed that it contained 1250 anabolic steroid known as Methandrostenolone, a Schedule III narcotic. During the search of his residence, agents discovered quantities of Ecstasy pills, additional quantities of Methandrostenolone, both packaged for distribution, and over \$20,000.00 in cash. The cash has been seized for forfeiture to the United States and the passport has been confiscated. The charge for using a fraudulently obtained U.S. passport in conjunction with drug trafficking carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office takes all cases of identity theft very seriously, especially when illegal drugs are involved. This is a great example of interagency cooperation at the federal level, and I would like to commend all the agents and inspectors who conducted this search and arrest," stated U.S. Attorney Anthony Jenkins.

U.S. Attorney Jenkins also reminds the public that complaints are only charges and not evidence of guilt. A defendant is always presumed to be innocent unless and until proven guilty in a court of law.